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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

The St. Louis County Attorney's Office along with The Douglas County District Attorney's Office, City of Duluth, and the City of Superior to Jointly Implement a Driving Diversion Program

The cities of Duluth and Superior, along with Douglas and St. Louis Counties, have jointly implemented the Driving Diversion Program. The Driving Diversion Program is designed to help residents with suspended licenses restore their driving privileges. The Twin Ports is a unique area; one metropolitan area lies in two states. For uniformity, it is appropriate and important that the program be available throughout the Twin Ports.

Individuals choosing to participate in the Driving Diversion Program will receive help clearing up and repairing their driving record in Minnesota and Wisconsin. The Driving Diversion Program supports participants by reactivating their driving privileges while paying off fines associated with the suspension and/or revocation of the participant's driver's license. Participants who remain in compliance will be able to drive legally; of increasing importance to residents in the geographically large Twin Ports area and the surrounding counties.

It is estimated that as much as 10% of the combined population in Minnesota and Wisconsin (over 1,000,000 people) are driving without a valid license. Since its inception, the Driving Diversion Program has supported over 3000 individuals in becoming valid driver's by working with them to address unpaid fines and suspended driving privileges. An individual's driving privilege will be reinstated while working with Driving Diversion Program by making regular payments toward the fines, and participating in other aspects of the program.

The Driving Diversion Program has been active in multiple pilot cities and counties in Minnesota since 2009, with the City of Duluth being one of the test sites. The Driving Diversion Program was developed and is operated by a private company, Diversion Solutions, LLC, which is located in Red Wing, Minnesota.

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Diversion Solutions LLC has worked with the Duluth Police Department, the Superior Police Department, the St. Louis County Attorney's Office, the Douglas County District Attorney's Office, the Duluth City Attorney's Office, the Superior City Attorney's Office, the Clerk of Courts Office in Douglas County and the Minnesota Department of Vehicle Services to implement the Driving Diversion Program across the Twin Ports.

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